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Inhibit Tumor Cell Formation
or Progression

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In the Office Action of July 16, 2002, the Examiner required an election of one of the three groups of claims restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-20, drawn to methods of treatment, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

Group II: Claims 21-31, drawn to compositions, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Group III: Claims 32-35, drawn to methods of identifying compositions, classified in class 35, subclass 4.

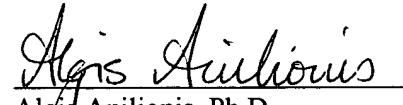
Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, claims 21-31.

Applicants were also directed under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which claims shall be restricted. Therefore, Applicants elect "anti-TGF β -antibodies" as the species to be searched.

No Fee is due.

In view of the present elections, Applicants respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits. If, for any reason, the application is not deemed in condition for examination on the merits, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,


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